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Open at 11 o'clock—

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In The Orchestra—

Miss Ida Durling and Miss Esther Sundquist have been engaged to play in the orchestra of the Astoria theatre. Both are well known in this city and are excellent musicians.

Doing Well—

Edward Black, a former resident of this city, is at St. Mary's Hospital, receiving medical attention for a broken rib, which he received in an accident some time ago and is reported to be rapidly recovering.

K. P. Delegates—

C. W. Spriggs, Thomas B. Loughery and H. M. Lornsen, the three delegates from Astoria to the grand lodge meeting of the Knights of Pythias at Portland, have returned. The grand lodge session was a highly interesting one.

Looking For a Farm—

Frank and Charles Schultz, two young men from Kottnai, Idaho, are in the city looking for land for general farming purposes, somewhere in the vicinity of Astoria and interested parties can secure further information by calling on Manager Whyte at the Chamber of Commerce.

Floral Festival—

There will be a floral festival held at the Methodist Episcopal Church this afternoon and evening, from 2 to 10 o'clock. It is expected that fine display of flowers will be made and a fine program has been arranged. Refreshments will also be served for a nominal cost.

New Company—

Papers were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday for the incorporation of the F. Dresser Mercantile Company, with a capital stock of \$15,000. The incorporators are F. Dresser, A. R. Wascher and F. A. Dresser. The company will do a general mercantile business, with its principal office at Seaside.

Chinook Will Celebrate—

Mrs. Charles Payne, of Chinook, was in town today making arrangements for celebrating the Fourth in his thriving little city across the river. He announced that the people of Chinook are planning to make the "Eagle Scream" this year as never before. In the forenoon literary exercises will be held, in which the school children will participate with

songs and recitations, followed by a short address by Attorney H. M. Brownell of this city. After dinner the boys will play ball and in the evening there is to be a grand ball and a display of fireworks.

Going To Seaside—

The train to Seaside yesterday at noon was well filled with passengers. Though the weather has been cool and cloudy in this neck of the country, up around Portland it has been sultry and even hot some of the time and people are apparently setting out on their summer vacations. Lately Portland has had some rainy days.

May Enter Regatta—

The Guiding Star, the little sloop that arrived at Portland from Vancouver, B. C., on Thursday after a long and venturesome voyage down the coast, may enter the regatta in Astoria in August. Announcement to that effect was made yesterday by Captain Barnays of the Star at Portland.

School Examinations—

School examinations were started in the different city schools yesterday afternoon, and will be continued until next Thursday. The role of honor list is not as large as usual at the previous examinations, owing to the fact that the new books that have been adopted, make progress more difficult for the children.

Murder Didn't Out—

Indefinite rumors of a murder at Cathlamet reached this city yesterday afternoon, but if the rumors had any foundation in fact it could not be substantiated here. Officers of the Undine, which touched at Cathlamet for half an hour on her trip down yesterday, heard nothing of the supposed slaying.

Had Pleasant Trip—

Mrs. S. S. Munson of Warrenton has returned home after a delightful trip to Portland and up the river to the Dalles. While in Portland Mrs. Munson attended the sessions of the Pioneer society. The trip up the river to the Dalles was especially pleasant, Mrs. Munson says. The

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VEXATIOUS DELAY IN CONTRACT

JOB OF FILLING IN COURT HOUSE YARD MUST NOW BE DONE, SAYS JUDGE TRENCHARD.

Although the contract for filling in and otherwise improving the Clatsop county court house yard was let approximately two months ago, practically none of the work has been done. Visitors remark that the handsome building has a very poor setting.

Judge Trenchard said yesterday that no one could regret the delay in the work more than he, but that it is probable the contractor having the matter in hand will very soon show some activity.

"If he doesn't we will want to know why," said Judge Trenchard. "Of course very little can be done during this wet weather, but there was a long period of good weather when the work should have been completed. It seems that the real reason of the delay lies in the fact that the contractor is not in shape to handle his contract in the manner that he should. Of course we are willing to sympathize with any poor man who is trying to get a start, but it is expecting too much to have us wait all summer to have a few loads of dirt hauled down the hill. I am sorry now," went on Judge Trenchard, "that we did not give the contract to a reasonable bidder, for in that event the grass would probably have been growing on the court house land by this time. It would only have cost a few cents more each cubic yard, too, but naturally the bid went to the lowest bidder."

With good luck and the persistent efforts of Judge Trenchard it is expected that the grounds will be put in shape very shortly. Grass will then be planted at once. As soon as the grading is completed, the work of laying the cement sidewalks will be commenced, and with a handsome lawn and cement sidewalks, the appearance of the place will be materially changed.

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journey was made on the Bailey Gatzert.

Likes Home Talent—

The baseball editor of the Skamokawa Eagle has this to say: "The ballgame at this point last Sunday was a walk-away for the Chinook boys, they running off with the laurels and a score of 8 to 2. Our imported battery was far from our expectation and the fans are beginning to think we would fare no worse if we used home talent."

Commencement Oration—

A. E. Clark of Portland a prominent attorney of that city, has accepted the invitation to deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Astoria High Schools. Mr. Clark has notified the superintendent of schools of his acceptance, and as he is known as a man of fine ability and as an excellent orator, it is probable that the address will be a worthy one.

Out of Quarantine—

The regiment of infantry in quarantine on the transport Sherman was released yesterday and taken up the river to Vancouver Barracks on the Harvest Queen. About eighty of the men could not be accommodated on the Queen and were taken up on the Spencer. The patient on the transport who is sick with the smallpox is reported as doing very well. His name is Joseph Van Zandt, of Co. G, 1st Infantry.

Fourth of July—

The committee having the Fourth of July arrangements in hand are particularly desirous that there be a good representation of vehicles in the parade. Everyone who has a vehicle, anything from a baby carriage to an automobile, is cordially invited to decorate it and have it in the parade. The entertainment is certain to be an excellent one, though to make it a fine success will require the active aid of every citizen. Members of the committee are working hard and report that the finances are in excellent shape.

Dance Saturday Night.

The Star Social Club and the Pacific Orchestra will give a dance at the National Hall on Saturday evening, June 20th. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy a good time. Admission, gentlemen, 75 cents; ladies free. 6-19-24.

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TO JOIN CLATSOP AND TILLAMOOK

WORK ON COUNTY ROADS TO CONNECT TWO SECTIONS NOW NEARING COMPLETION.

Henry Tohl, a merchant at Nehalem City in Tillamook county, and Fred Zaddach, a resident of that section, were in Astoria yesterday. They were shown over the new Clatsop county court house and expressed great admiration for the handsome building. Judge Trenchard showed them about.

"One great thing we need is a road connecting the two counties of Tillamook and Clatsop," said Mr. Tohl, "and it begins to look now as if the road will soon be built. At least, it will soon be finished up to the Clatsop county line by the Tillamook authorities."

A reporter of the Astorian asked Judge Trenchard what Clatsop county expects to do in the matter of joining the two counties by means of a thoroughfare.

"We are right at work on the road now," he said. "In fact, we are at work on two roads. The one is what is called the 'beach road,' and the other is the one that runs south from Necanicum postoffice. This latter thoroughfare is the one that unquestionably would mean the most as a channel of inter-communication between the two counties. It is still required that we construct this road south from Necanicum to the county line, a distance of about eight miles only. A preliminary survey has already been made, and it is expected that a permanent survey will be ordered at the next term of court. The contracts may then be let this fall. I understand the Tillamook county road is within a mile or two of the line now, so that at the outside the work yet to be done is not very great. There is a pretty country down in that section, and with the opening of a road leading into Clatsop, there is little doubt that many of the settlers would come this way to make their sales and purchases, probably to Seaside. It really will mark a sort of an epoch when these roads meet and thus join for the first time the people of the two countries."

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The county is now completing the road between Seaside and Elk Creek, and then a bridge will be put over Elk Creek. From there the beach will be used to Hug Point, where it is contemplated that it will be necessary to cut a hole through Hug Point, which is composed of sandstone. The Point is a bold and rather high ridge extending out into the water, and the tunnel seems the only way to solve the problem. From the Point the beach will again be used to Arch Cape, and from Arch Cape there is now a puncheon road to the county line, but it is planned to change the route a little and make a good, gravelled road. There is plenty of gravel in the vicinity.

With the completion of the road to the county line south of Necanicum postoffice, there will then be a county road clear across the county to the Columbia line.

PERSONAL MENTION

John Kopp and Miss Lena Kopp have returned from Bozeman, Montana, where they have been visiting with relatives.

Miss Hidden, who has been the guest of Misses Estes of this city, has returned to her home at Portland.

The Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist of this city will leave for Eastern Oregon Sunday evening on a business trip. He will return on Thursday next.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Van Tuyle have returned from their wedding trip to South Bend, Wash.

F. E. Ford from Portland was in the city yesterday.

C. D. Lataurette is in the city from Oregon City, Ore., stopping at the Occident.

W. P. Hawly of Oregon City was in town yesterday.

W. E. Thomas of Portland is registered at the Occident.

R. S. Jones from Portland is registered at the Occident.

R. A. Hawkins is down from Ilwaco registered at the Occident.

H. B. Leonard, a resident of Eugene is stopping at the Occident.

Albert Utzinger of Seaside is registered at the Occident Hotel.

T. A. CARLIN GETS CONTRACT.

For The Construction of 3 Huge Government Transport Docks.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 19.—Official advices have been received at the office of the construction quartermaster at the Presidio that the contract for 3 huge government transport docks and the reclamation of tide flats near Fort Mason, has been awarded by the war department to T. J. Carlin a New York contractor for \$1,197,000 is the lowest of several bids submitted. It is expected that within a month the work of construction will be well under way. The docks, it is expected will be completed in about a year and a half. The combined length of the three docks is 1,500 feet and the widest will be 118 feet broad on the outer edge reaching the line of Lewis St. The official government harbor line.

The depth will be 31 feet at low tide which is enough water to dock the largest battleships.

ABLE DEFENSE FOR THE STEWARDS

CAPTAIN KNIGHT OF THE FIRST INFANTRY, DENIES THAT THEY UNFAIRLY SEEK TIPS.

H. E. Knight, captain and adjutant of the First United States Infantry, until today in quarantine, denies with considerable force and apparent indignation that the stewards on the transport Sherman are the cruel and predatory lot that some of the released passengers accused them of being. The Astorian recognized the fact that there were two sides of the story and gladly print the following communication from Captain Knight:

United States Army Transport Sherman, Quarantine Station, Astoria, Ore., June 18, 1908. The Editor Morning Astorian. Astoria, Ore.

Sir:—I have just read with disgust the article in this morning's edition of your paper entitled "Harsh Words for the Stewards" which appears on page 4.

In fairness to the stewards, allow me to most emphatically deny the whole story.

I have traveled on a good many transports but never have I received more courteous attention than on the Sherman.

Your masculine friend with his "figure of soldierly bearings," who refers to the waiters as cool, calculating, cruel scoundrelly robbers," is probably some discharged employee of the Civil Government of the Philippine Islands.

I may safely state that all officers on board the transport willing and gladly endorse this statement and only hope that everywhere they go they may receive the same gentlemanly treatment as that which they received to the transport Sherman.

Very respectfully,
H. E. KNIGHT,
Captain and Adjutant,
First U. S. Infantry.

KNOX CONGRATULATES TAFT

PITTSBURG, June 19.—Senator Knox immediately upon hearing of Secretary Taft's nomination sent the following telegram to Secretary Taft: "I sincerely congratulate you upon the result at Chicago, Pennsylvania, and as usual, will head the list of your enthusiastic supporters."

Senator Knox expressed himself in terms of warmest gratitude for the loyal support given him by the Pennsylvania delegation and others. He continued: "It is an excellent nomination, the party will support M. Taft with enthusiastic loyalty. He will be elected because the country has confidence in his ability, his integrity and his good sense. Mr. Burke's fight for a just basis of representation in the republican conventions was the most important incident of the convention."

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